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1. AMERICAN EXPORT LINES (AEL) INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT PENDING A DECISION IN EGYPTIAN COURTS, ALEXSHIP WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SERVE AS AEL'S AGENT IN EGYPT. AEL UNDERSTANDS THAT THE EGYPTIAN COURT'S DECISION MAY NOT BE KNOWN FOR AS LONG AS SIX MONTHS. AEL EXPECTS THAT DURING THAT PERIOD, IT WILL HAVE TO USE MARTRANS OR PERHAPS ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY AS ITS AGENT AT PORTS AND IN PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ CANAL AND FEARS IT (AEL) MAY BE THE RECIPIENT OF BUREAUCRATIC RETRIBUTION AT THE HANDS OF MARTRANS FOR HAVING CONTRACTED WITH ALEXSHIP TO BE ITS REPRESENTA-
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TIVE IN EGYPT. ONE OF AEL'S PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS IS

WHETHER IT WILL BE PERMITTED TO PASS EXPEDITIOUSLY
THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.

2. TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION, AEL IS SENDING
MR. ANDRE SCHRODER TO EGYPT SUNDAY, APRIL 11. MR.
SCHRODER MAY CALL ON THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATE GENERAL FOR
ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING ANY DIFFICULTIES HE ENCOUNTERS. KISSINGER

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